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NOTCOVICH et al.

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For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CARRYING OUT MULTIPLE BINDING REACTIONS IN AN ARRAY FORMAT**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

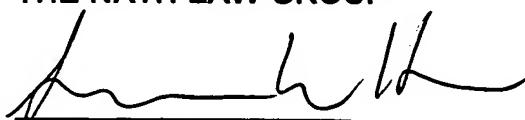
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter; and
- 2) Amendment and Response, twenty-six (26) pages.

The Commissioner is specifically authorized to charge any required fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112 in connection with this matter.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This Amendment is filed responsive to the Official Action dated April 7, 2008, making a response due on or before July 7, 2008. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

A Conclusion appears at page 26 of this paper.